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FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM UNDRC BERKOL:

QUOTE: A. THANKS YOUR TELEX DECEMBER 7 INQUIRING INTO DELIVERY BACKLOG WHO MEDICINES AND FAO VETERINARY PRODUCTS PROCURED ON BEHALF UNDRO FOR PAKISTAN FLOODS EMERGENCY RELIEF. HAVE DELAYED REPLY PENDING CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS PAKISTAN AIRLINES AND APPROACHES OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS. PRESENT STATUS AS FOLLOWS:

B. PAKISTAN AIRLINES HAS ARRANGED CHARTER WITH AUSTRIAN AIRLINES FOR VIENNA/KARACHI AIRLIFT 43 TONS MEDICINES COMMENCING LATE DECEMBER.

C. UNDRO ARRANGING WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES AIRLIFT ONE AND ONE HALF TONS MEDICINES ABOARD RAF BRITANNIA LEAVING FOR KARACHI DECEMBER 28.

D. THIS LEAVES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE 43 TONS LYING GENEVA (FOR WHICH UNDRO PAYING STORAGE CHARGES THOUSAND DOLLARS MONTHLY), NINE-AND-A-HALF TONS PARIS, AND FIVE TONS ITALY
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(ANY AIRPORT).

E. REMAINDER WORLDHEALTH-PROCURED MEDICINES AVAILABLE MID-JANUARY AS FOLLOWS: FOUR-AND-A-HALF TONS COPENHAGEN, SEVEN-AND-A-HALF TONS FRANKFURT, ONE-AND-HALF TONS LONDON, AND 27-AND-A-HALF TONS MILAN (WHICH COULD BE TRANSPORTED ANY AIRPORT WESTERN CONTINENTAL EUROPE ON TWO WEEKS NOTICE).

F. OWING SLOWER EVOLUTION FAO PROCUREMENT, COMBINED WITH ORDER CANCELLATIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS, ETC, WE UNABLE SPECIFY QUANTITIES AND COLLECTION POINTS THIS STAGE BUT SHALL ADVISE YOU SOONEST THESE AVAILABLE.

G. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: TURKISH AIRFORCE HAD PREVIOUSLY AIRLIFTED FIFTEEN TONS FROM COPENHAGEN AND WE HOPING ANOTHER PLANELOAD MIGHT PROVE POSSIBLE. HAVE ALSO RECENTLY APPROACHED IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AND AWAITING REPLY. AM ALSO ENDEAVORING EXPEDITE PAK-ISTAN AIRLINES HANDLING THROUGH UNDEVPRO/ISLAMABAD AND APPROACHES TO OTHER DONORS WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE, PARTICULARLY WHEN FAO DELIVERY SCHEDULES BECOMES CLEARER. IN MEANTIME, WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH DIFFICULTIES IN AIRLIFTING IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ITEMS MENTIONED PARA (E). END QUOTE.BASSIN

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